

# ALLIES ' SMASH

# AHEAD

## FRENCH-YANK FORCES CROSS SUIPPE RIVER

**Germans Fire Towns as They  
Retire From Lines.**

**Germans Are Withdrawing—  
After Hot Resistance.**

**LAON IS BURNING NOW**

**Was Stronghold of the Ger-  
mans in Southwest Line.**

**Bulgars Surrender and Tell  
Central Powers To Move.**

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 7.—General Pershing's troops this morning attacked the German positions on the left wing of this front. The Americans made progress to a point corresponding with their advance late yesterday in the region of Cunel woods on the right wing. The presence of storm troops opposite the American center and the increased activity behind the German lines lead to the be-

Paris, Oct. 7.—French and American troops across the Sulpice river, on a ten-mile front, are advancing northward toward La Neuville and Semide. (La Neuville is fifteen miles north east of Rheims. Semide is ten miles east of La Neuville.)

Despite their desperate resistance in this region and north of St. Quentin, the Germans are reported to be withdrawing their material and de-

**Shorten West Front.**  
Captain Salzmänn, writing in the *Vossische Zeitung*, urged the German high command to shorten the west front.  
"It does not matter if we make a vast retreat, provided the front holds," he declared. "It is vitally necessary to hold the front at any cost."  
**Capture St. Masmes.**  
Paris, Oct. 7.—French troops captured the town of St. Masmes, north east of Rholsma and neutralized the

Northeast of St. Quentin, the Germans attacked several times in an effort to retake the positions conquered by the French. All the attacks except in the region of Tilloy farm were repulsed.

**Britishers in Battle.**  
London, Oct. 7.—Local fighting north of St. Quentin and between Lens and Cambrai was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"One of our patrols in the Oppy sector brought in thirty-four prisoners and four machine guns."

"A German post east of Berclau was captured. We made a slight advance north of Wezmacquart."

Paris, Oct. 7.—Laon, the stronghold to which the enemy has been clinging as the keypoint of his line to the southwest, apparently has been captured by the Germans. The town was reported ablaze Sunday and fires were

Rhelimus has been finally and definitely cleared from the menace.

**Bulgars Surrender.**

Paris, Oct. 7.—The general in command of the Eleventh Bulgarian division

allied troops in Macedonia. The division was composed of two brigades and with it a large quantity of war material fell into the hands of the allies.

Athen, Sunday, Oct. 6.—Greek and allied troops, says the newspaper *Enbro*, will yet strike into eastern Macedonia toward the Rhodope mountains and beyond the Nestos river.

**Promote a Serb.**  
Corfu, Oct. 6.—Prince Alexander of Serbia has been promoted to the rank of prince.

**Capture Debra.**  
Paris, Oct. 6.—The town of Debra on the Black Dvina river and fort will be captured by the Allies.

**Must Leave Bulgaria.**  
Amsterdam, Oct. 7.—Bulgaria's  
Saturday notified the powers that

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